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Chapter 148:

A Misbehaving Child

WHILE WE WERE CHASING AFTER BENI-YASHA IN THE VILLAGE ...
I BELIEVE SHE WENT THIS WAY -NYA!
WHERE DID SHE GO...!?
I DIDN'T THINK THIS WOULD HAPPEN SO SUDDENLY THIS YEAR -NYA...
SHE EMITS SO MUCH YOUKAI ENERGY THAT I CAN'T TELL WHERE SHE IS!!

LORD OF THE LAND! BE CARE-FUL!!
SHE'S COMING OUR WAY!!
What!?
KYA-HAHA-HAH-AHA-HA ♥

THE NEXT DAY, WEST VILLAGE
WOW. SO IN THE END, THEY WERE UTTERLY DEFEATED BY BENI-YASHA, HUH.
YES. PEN PEN-KUN TOLD ME HOW THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR HIM AS USUAL.
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...AND IS THAT WHY ONII-CHAN IS ROLLING AROUND LIKE A SLOTH? BECAUSE OF THE SHOCK OF DEFEAT?
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NO. I HEARD HE'S LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS OF A REMEDY HE TOOK IN FROM BENIYASHA.
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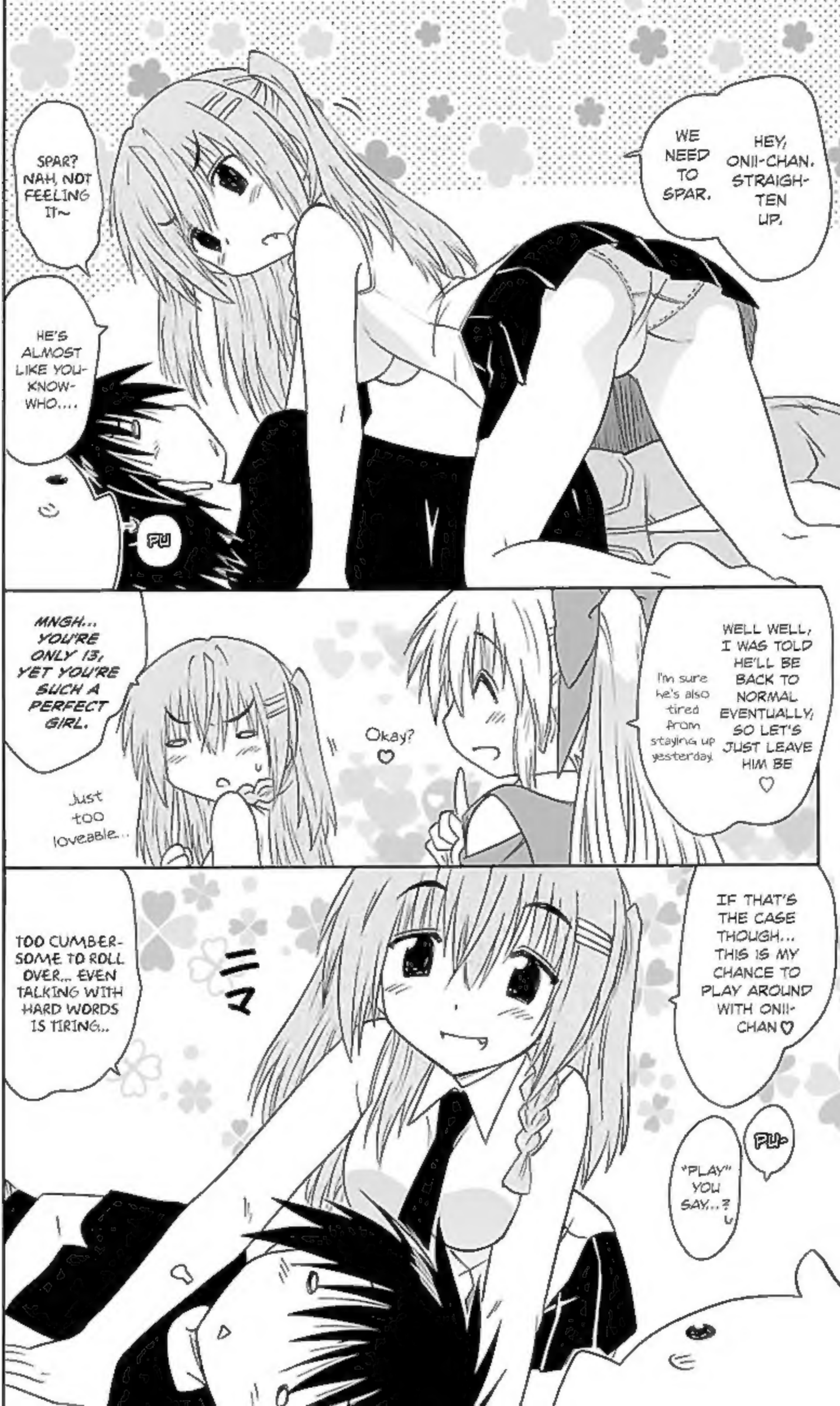
AAH... SO BOTH-ER-SOME ...


HEY, ONII-CHAN. STRAIGHTEN UP.
WE NEED TO SPAR.
SPAR? NAH, NOT FEELING IT~
HE'S ALMOST LIKE YOU-KNOW-WHO....
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WELL WELL, I WAS TOLD HE'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL EVENTUALLY, SO LET'S JUST LEAVE HIM BE ♡
I'm sure he's also tired from staying up yesterday.
Okay? ♡
MNGH... YOU'RE ONLY 13, YET YOU'RE SUCH A PERFECT GIRL.
Just too loveable...
IF THAT'S THE CASE THOUGH... THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PLAY AROUND WITH ONII-CHAN ♡
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"PLAY" YOU SAY...?
TOO CUMBERSOME TO ROLL OVER... EVEN TALKING WITH HARD WORDS IS TIRING...

OOH, IT'S MY DAY TO CLING TO ONII-CHAN ALL I WANT ♡
Because he always runs from me
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OH, WHAT TONED MUSCLES YOU HAVE♡ YOUR ABS ARE RIPPED TOO ♡
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MISAKI, AREN'T YOU GETTING LAZING WITH YOUR EXERCISE? YOUR BODY IS PLUMP WITH FAT~
FAT!? LISTEN HERE, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WORK I PUT INTO GROWING THESE BREASTS!?
SQUISH SQUISH
YOU CAN GROW YOUR BREASTS THROUGH HARD WORK?
EH ...?
UN YAH?

DID YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF A CHILD'S LAUGHTER?
OH?
BY CHILD, DO YOU MEAN YUKINO-CHAN?
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NO, IT SOUNDED MUCH YOUNGER IN TONE... IF NO ONE ELSE HEARD IT, MAYBE I'M JUST IMAGINING IT.
OH?
MOREOVER, THERE IS SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT...
YOUR HAIR IS STANDING STRAIGHT UP IN AN UNNATURAL WAY, BUT IS THAT BED HAIR?
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HUH...? AH! YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHEN MY HAIR IS STANDING UP LIKE THIS... IT MEANS THAT THERE IS A YOUKAI NEARBY.
EXCUSE MY INTRUSION! IS IKUTO HERE!?
Hin yah!?
LO-LORD OF THE NORTH !?
HM, THERE YOU ARE.
Oh~
YAY, IT'S TIGER-SAN! YOU CAME TO PLAY WITH US ♡
UGH... SO YOU WERE HERE TOO...

EEH~? I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF TROUBLE ~
AN INCI-DENT!?
HEY, IKUTO! I NEED YOUR HELP! I BELIEVE IT'S ALSO AN IMPORTANT INCIDENT FOR YOU ALL TOO!
WOW AS THOUGHT SO FLUFFY ♡
I CONCUR -NYA.
SERIOUSLY, HE'S HASTY AS USUAL.
OSHI-SHOU-SAMA!?
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I-IKUTO! M-SAKI-CHAN!!
OH, SHUT IT AND COME WITH ME!!
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WELL, I... DO THE EXPLAINING ON THE WAY -NYA.
WHAT IS HAPPEN-ING? CAN YOU TELL ME, OSHO-SAMA?
SO I ALSO HAVE TO GO...
OH PLEASE -DO.
OH, HOW SOOTHING SITTING IN AN ICE-COLD BATH DURING THE MIDDAY

I'M FREE BECAUSE THE PEACE IS BEING MAINTAINED.
ISN'T IT ALRIGHT? MY JOB AS A DOCTOR IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE SICK AND INJURED.
MNN...
WHILE EVERYONE'S WORKING ALL DAY LONG, I'M SURPRISED BY HOW MUCH YOU KEEP LAZING AROUND -DO.
EH? YOUNGER BABA-SAMA DID?
KIN WENT OUT THIS MORNING TO WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE, PERSONALLY SEEING IF EVERYONE IS HEALTHY -DO.
GRR... ALWAYS GETTING ALL THE ATTENTION...
I UNDERSTAND WHY SHE IS SO RESPECTED BY EVERYONE -DO.
I SUPPOSE SHE CHECKS ON THE VILLAGERS SINCE THEY ARE NORMALLY SO HEALTHY, THEY BECOME CARELESS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH -DO.
Such as overworking regardless of their fatigue

I'M NOT LAUGHING, BUT FOR SURE, I'M LOOKING DOWN UPON YOU -DO.
DID YOU JUST SNEER AT ME WITH THAT LAST COMMENT?
WAT?
OH MY, AS EMBARRASSING IT IS, YES...
EEH!? A YOUKAI THAT EVEN OSHI-SHOU-SAMA AND EVERYONE COULDN'T TAKE CARE OF!?
WELL, HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS.. I BELIEVE TAIGA-KUN AND I WERE NOT WELL MATCHED FOR THIS FOE -NYA.
IF SUCH A MONSTER REALLY EXISTS, I DON'T THINK ANYONE ON THIS ISLAND COULD FACE HER.
YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO DEFEAT HER, EVEN WHEN PAIRED WITH TAIGA-SAN...

YOUKAI ARE OUTSIDE MY AREA OF EXPERTISE. I USUALLY HAVE SOMEONE BETTER MATCHED TAKING CARE OF SUCH ISSUES IN THE WEST.
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT. THIS YOUKAI WE'LL BE DEALING WITH ONLY USES HER YOUKAI-JUTSU FOR PRANKS.
AT LEAST FOR NOW.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S ALRIGHT AT ALL.
I AGREE. I WAS THINKING THAT THIS YOUKAI IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT.
WELL, I BELIEVE YOU, LORD OF THE WEST, AND IKUTO WILL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE FIGHTING STYLE TO COUNTER THE YOUKAI -NYA.
FIGHTING STYLE...?
THE IKUTO YOU TALK OF S RIGHT NOW NOT IN THE BEST STATE..
...THUS WHY I WANT YOUR HELP, IKUTO...
HMMM.

LAST NIGHT, HE WAS CHASING BENIYASHA AND TOOK IN SOME WEIRD REMEDY THAT HAS MADE HIM LIKE THAT.
HEY! ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING!?
YEP. ALL OF IT~
OH...
WHAT...? BEN-YASHA APPEARED!?
NGH ...
SHI-MAKO... SHE TOLD YOU, DIDN'T SHE...
MISTER LORD OF THE NORTH ALSO LIKES THE BEN YASHA SERIES. HOW CUTE THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A GAP BETWEEN PERSONALITY AND LOOKS. ♡

AND WHERE ARE WE? IS TH.S WHERE THAT YOUKAI... WHERE THAT "MONSTER OF MOUNT THUNDER" IS?
UHM, YOU DO KNOW YOU CAN JUST GO HOME.
WELL, SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHEN ONI-CHAN WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL, I'LL HELP IN HIS PLACE.
I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH MARITAL ARTS, AND WITH MY YOUKA-JUTSU I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP LOTS
OH
WELL, I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS...
AGAIN, THE LAUGH-TER...?
!?
WHAT!? LAUGH-TER!?

WHEN YOU SAY LAUGHTER, WHAT KIND!? FROM WHERE DO YOU HEAR IT!?
I DON'T KNOW FROM WHERE... BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE A FROLICKING CHILD GOING "KYAHAHA."
DID YOU FIND HER!? SO SHE'S WOKEN AGAIN...!
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COME ON... DON'T SCARE ME WHEN THERE'S NO ONE.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR ANYTHING..
OH?
HMMM, THAT'S STRANGE. JUST LIKE BACK AT SUZU-CHAN'S PLACE, I'M THE ONLY ONE HEARING IT...
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S THE WAVES OF YOUKAI ENERGY DIRECTLY EMITTED TO YOU.
AH... YOU ARE FROM THAT TIME...

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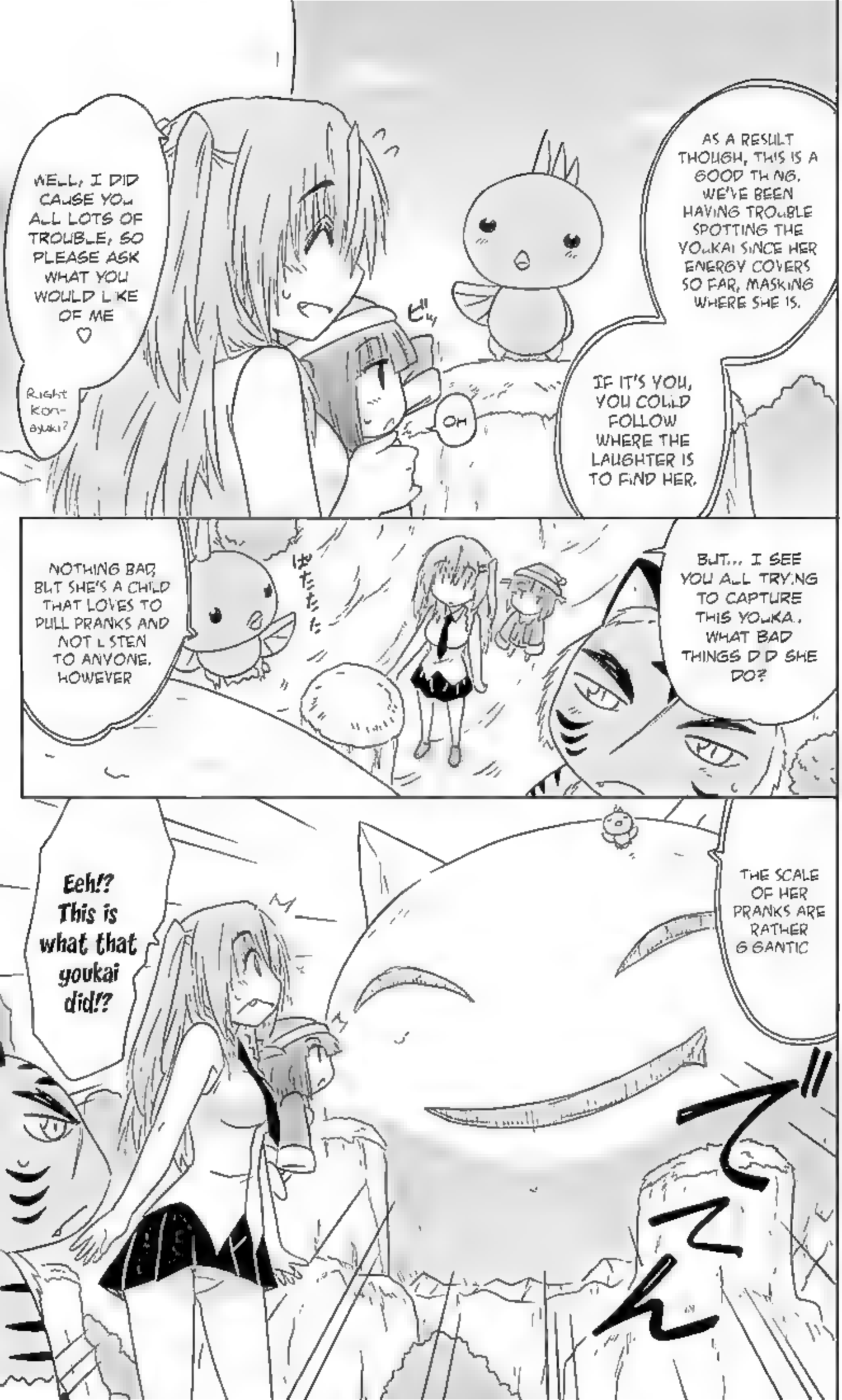
I APOLOGIZE FOR INTRODUCING MYSELF THROUGH A SHIKIGAMI, BUT I AM YASHIRO, MACHI AND AYANE'S GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.
OH, NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS MISAKI.
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE WAVES OF ENERGY?
ALL YOUKAI EMIT A SUBTLE WAVE OF YOUKAI ENERGY. THAT IS THE WAVE I REFER TO.
FROM HOW YOU SENSE IT IN THE FORM OF LAUGHTER, IT MUST BE THE MONSTER OF MOUNT THUNDER
EH? WHY IS IT THAT ONLY I CAN HEAR THE YOUKAI'S VOICE...?
IT MAY BE BECAUSE THE HALF-YOUKA PART OF YOURSELF IS VERY CLOSE TO THE YOUKAI ENERGY WAVELENGTH OF THE MONSTER OF MOUNT THUNDER
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MEAN. . BUT IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE?
DON'T WRAP IT UP SO ARBITRARILY.


AS A RESULT THOUGH, THIS IS A GOOD THING. WE'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE SPOTTING THE YOUKAI SINCE HER ENERGY COVERS SO FAR, MASKING WHERE SHE IS.
IF IT'S YOU, YOU COULD FOLLOW WHERE THE LAUGHTER IS TO FIND HER.
OH
WELL, I DID CAUSE YOU ALL LOTS OF TROUBLE, SO PLEASE ASK WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE OF ME ♡
Right Kon-ayuki?
BUT... I SEE YOU ALL TRYING TO CAPTURE THIS YOUKAI. WHAT BAD THINGS DID SHE DO?
NOTHING BAD, BUT SHE'S A CHILD THAT LOVES TO PULL PRANKS AND NOT LISTEN TO ANYONE. HOWEVER
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THE SCALE OF HER PRANKS ARE RATHER GIGANTIC
Eeh!? This is what that youkai did!?

OSH.SHOU-SAMA, WHAT REALLY IS TH.S MONSTER?
THIS IS QUITE AMAZING. SO THE MONSTER OF MOUNT THUNDER DOES THESE KINDS OF PRANKS?
HMM . WHERE SHOULD I START EXPLAIN-ING -NYA...
I'VE HEARD THAT TOO.
I've also heard that she's a harmless one too.
LET ME SEE. DURING THIS SEASON, THERE APPEARS A MYSTERIOUS CREATURE, MOST OFTEN SEEN HERE AT MOUNT THUNDER. THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD OF.
YOU TWO, HOW MUCH OF THE RUMORS OF TH.S "MONSTER OF MOUNT THUNDER" HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT -NYA?
SHE'S CALLED AN OGRE BY SOME BECAUSE THEY SAW HER HAVING A HORN OF SOME KIND.
MOST OF THESE STORIES REALLY SOUND BASELESS.
AND THE STORY IS DIFFERENT FROM OBSERVER TO OBSERVER. ONE HAS SEEN HER AS A SILVER-FURRED ANIMAL, ALTHOUGH ANOTHER CLAIMS SEEING A LONG AND GOLDEN HAIRED HUMAN.
SOME SAY SHE HAS RED EYES, WHILE OTHERS SAY BLUE.
YES, THAT'S ABOUT IT -NYA.

BECAUSE OF THAT YOUKAI'S COM-... I MEAN, HER REQUEST, WE'VE BEEN KEEPING HER IDENTITY HIDDEN -NYA.
Puf!
Eeh!?
THE TRUTH IS -NYA... TAGA-KUN AND I... HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS YOUKAI FOR A LONG TIME -NYA...
HER CONDITION WAS BECOMING STRANGE, SO WE BROUGHT YASHIRO-CHAN (THROUGH HER SHIKIGAMI) WITH US AS WE WENT TO INSPECT MOUNT THUNDER -NYA...
BUT, THIS YEAR...
W-what is this!?
HOW-EVER THOUGH ...

WELL, THE ONLY ONE I COULD THINK WOULD DO THIS IS HER -NYA...
THERE AREN'T ANY YOUKAI SPECIALIZED IN SPELLCASTING, EITHER.
COULD IT REALLY BE THESE IMMATURE PRANKS ARE HERS?
YOU ARE RIGHT. IF IT'S HER, I WOULD THINK SHE WOULD GO FOR SOMETHING MORE NASTY AND DECEPTIVE.
YEAH.
UHM. . I DID NOT SAY IT BECAUSE OF THAT..
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This stupidly large amount of youkai energy ...!!
Could it be!?

KYA HA ♥
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Wha!?

Th-there she is!!
KYAHA HAHA-HA ♡
I WONDER, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER!?
SHE'S LIKE AN ENTIRELY DIFFE-RENT PERSON
Anyways, chase her!! We cannot let her use up her powers so aimlessly!
I agree -nya!

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SO THAT WAS HAPPENING WHILE IKUTO AND EVERYONE WAS CHASING AFTER BENIYASHA...
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AFTER THAT, WE TRIED TO CHASE AFTER HER THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT... BUT AS WE MENTIONED EARLIER, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AGAINST HER -NYA.
THAT IS WHY, IN ORDER TO CAPTURE HER, WE WANT YOUR HELP -NYA.
RIGHT NOW, I AM BUSY... BUT I THINK I CAN TALK FOR A BIT.

BUT, WHY IS IT THAT SHE TURNED INTO A CHILD ALL OF A SUDDENLY?
WELL, I'M SURE YOU KNOW THAT I'M BETTER AT DEALING WITH CHILDREN THAN YOU TWO.
TO SUMMARIZE, THIS MONSTER WAS SHRUNKEN INTO A CHILD'S SIZE,
AND WITH THE IMMENSE POWER SHE STILL HAS, SHE'S PULLING PRANKS -NYA.

I MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA AS TO WHY, BUT...
HMM...

REIN-
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NATE?
Eh!?
COULD IT BE SHE'S FINALLY REINCARNATED INTO HER...
Eh!?
There's someone over there!
Whoops!
A hole!!
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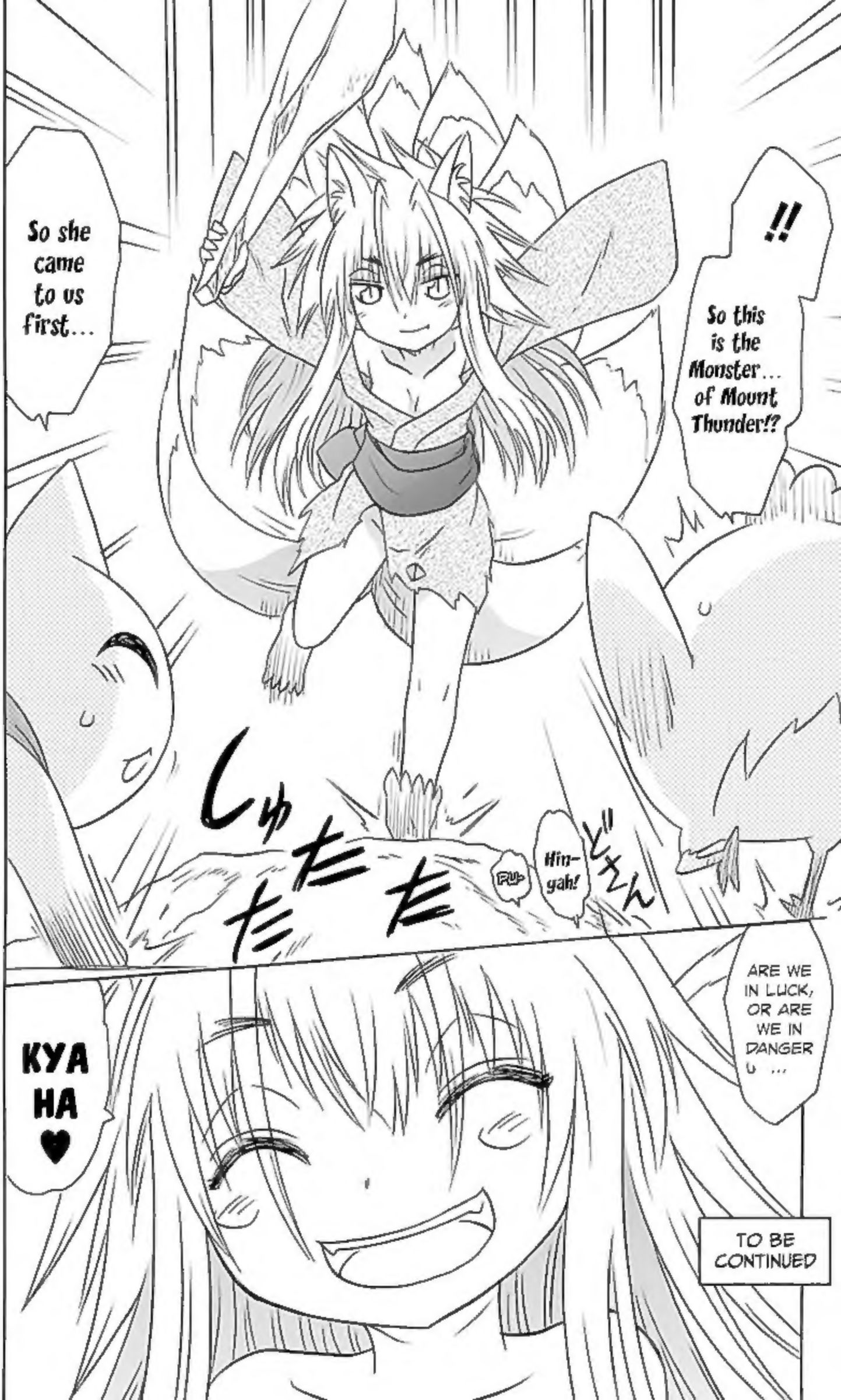
So she came to us first...
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So this is the Monster... of Mount Thunder!?
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Hin-gah!
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ARE WE IN LUCK, OR ARE WE IN DANGER ...
KYA HA ♥
TO BE CONTINUED